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WATER EXCHANGE RATES OF PARAMAGNETIC METAL ION-
BASED MACROCYCLIC CONTRAST AGENTS

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

Summarized below is the substance of a telephone interview between Examiner
Nwaonicha, and the under signed attorney of record, held on October 4, 2004.

In the telephone interview, Examiner Nwaonicha and Mr. Corbett discussed Claim 1.

The Examiner sought to amend line 1 of claim 1 to overcome a 112 2d paragraph rejection. An alternative to the use of the word "comprising" was not agreed on. An agreement to amend line 13 of claim 1, from carboxylate to carboxylic acid was agreed to. The Examiner indicated that he would maintain the 112 2d paragraph rejection of Claim 1-12 in a first office action and that were no other basis for rejection of the claims.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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